

## TTEA Meeting Minutes

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

**Meeting called to order by Whitney Shank at 9am** – Welcome and Introductions.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Presentation**

Meeting heard a presentation by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in conclusion of their PBL unit on Autism. Presented options for playground equipment to be installed in the TTE playground. Requesting funds from TTEA.

Options include Twisting Climbing Wall (aids with gross motor skills, balance); Ten Spin (seats 10, individual seats provide boundaries); Comet (spinning effect to aid calming, helps social development); Jungle Jumparoo (gross motor skills/social interaction). TTEA will consider request for funding.

### **President's Report**

October calendar went out in Thursday Folders – missing Skate City date – Weds 19<sup>th</sup> October 6pm-8pm – private event for TTE only. Need minimum of 50 participants. \$4.50 entry and \$2 skate rental. TTEA gets 50% of entry fees.

Article in Castle Pines Connection newspaper regarding Mother/Son Kickball tournament – thanks to Erika Greene.

Maker Space – due to success of Move a Thon, TTEA will be giving \$15,000 to provide items for the Maker Space.

Dads & Donuts – huge success – 600 donuts eaten! Also Dads were persuaded to stop by the Book Fair and spent just over \$2,000 in an hour!

Paint Drive – Thanks to Eric Bowman for organizing with GreenClean – collected hundreds of gallons of paint, and residents donated \$1600. Such a success that it will be repeated in the Spring.

Daddy/Daughter Dance chairperson needed. All the girls love this event but it does need coordinating. Volunteers will help set up and take down, and decorate a certain area – not all up to one person, team effort. If interested contact Whitney Shank

Huge thanks to Move a Thon team led by Kimberly McCarthy and Jen Kliewer and their committee. This year decided to go it alone and NOT spend thousands of dollars to a company to do it for us. So TTEA did buy some equipment and donated it to the school. Still raised over \$50,000 after expenses and prizes.

Thanks to all volunteers for all TTEA events and the Book Fair.

**Motion to approve September minutes by Amy Ball seconded by Kimberly McCarthy.**

### **Principal's Report – Michele Radke**

Thank you to all who took part in the Move-a-Thon, all who organized, and all the families who sponsored their students. Because of the money raised school budget can be focused on people and not equipment/books etc.

Needed even more this year. October head count was exactly 500 students. This is down 30 students from projections. Means money needs to be transferred back to the District. Approx \$117,000. Due to elementary school enrollment numbers being lower this year (approx. 500 less students) the District is considering reducing the amount required to be paid back.

Thank you to Book Fair volunteers and shoppers!

Thanks for contribution to the Maker Space. Upcoming TTEA meeting to be held in there so parents can see hands on what their money has gone towards. Also future teacher PLC day to be held in there so teachers can experience it.

Halloween parties should be being scheduled – due to parking Kindie, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> are on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October in the morning – kids come in costume then change to regular clothes after. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> are in the afternoon and will bring costumes to school. No costumes in school on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

No school 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Macaroni Kids also having a competition – need parents to vote for their elementary school to win prizes. Information going in Thursday folders.

Parent asked for information on “loose” playground equipment and why some students commented that they don’t have any balls or ropes to play with. At the start of the year ALL grades have color coded bag and equipment that they are responsible for – getting it out and putting it away. Several times balls left out, etc. It is their responsibility as a group to take care of it. It is replenished after each break.

### **Treasurer’s Report – Lisa Linn**

Profit/Loss sheet distributed. Made \$589 on school supplies

Note Move-a-Thon expenses have not all been accounted for – so far spent \$602 on supplies for example. Raised \$61,000 but will possible have expenses around \$11,000.

Spirit Wear made \$1335.05

Kickball currently shows profit of \$3592 BUT does not take in to account an invoice from Chick Fil A that is due for \$1500.

### **Vice-President/Move a Thon – Kimberly McCarthy**

Organizing the Move-a-Thon is a huge undertaking by EVERYONE from the front office staff, grade liaisons, volunteers, prize committee, sponsors and families. Thank you to everyone.

Prizes will be going out this week. Shave Ice truck was last Friday, limo ride is tomorrow, Jamba Juice parties will not be until after Fall Break.

### **Square One Art – Kim Kreuger**

All art work is done – will be online ordering – more information to come.

### **Classbooks – Amy Ball**

Each class has a Classbook volunteer – training session is Oct 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-3.30pm in Multipurpose Room.

### **Room Parent Coordinator – Stacy Kimberly**

Start planning Halloween parties – check with your teacher when you have game/activity/snack ideas. Please be mindful if you have SSN students to be inclusive. Drinks inside can only be water.

### **Script/King Soopers Cards – Jill Alexander**

New supply of King Soopers cards coming soon. Also some Starbucks gift cards will be at front office for last minute teacher gifts.

### **Castle Pines Community Information – Anna Mallinson**

CPN Metro District announced it will be building two new basketball courts at Coyote Ridge Park. Waiting on drainage approval by the City before grading can start.

Grading being done at Lagae Ranch/Town Center Development. Northern portion will be Lennar Homes. Show homes construction begins in December. Southern portion still in contract phase – some will be Wunderland Homes.

Roundabout at Lagae and Mira Vista will be constructed by the end of the year. Also Castle Pines Parkway southbound turn lane at CPP and Lagae Road will be widened to two turn lanes. Next 12 months also construct road from Lagae south to Happy Canyon. Also Monarch extension from HOA1 to Lagae will start in the new year – pedestrian access may be limited to Elk Ridge Park during construction.

All those new homes will fall in to Buffalo Ridge Elementary catchment area. TTE may see increase in open enrollments in coming years. With decline in numbers generally do to price range of homes in Castle Pines, TTE needs to market itself positively. All parents encouraged to go to [www.yelp.com](http://www.yelp.com) [www.greatschools.com](http://www.greatschools.com) and other community websites and give our school a positive rating. Note [www.greatschools.com](http://www.greatschools.com) is also linked to real estate websites, so better rating for our school means more people interested in our community. Links to be sent out.

TTE now has PR committee will also look at these issues. TTEA in the process of launching on Twitter.

### **Community Events – Valerie Sutherland**

Skate City is on 19<sup>th</sup> October – private event does need at least 50 participants.

Also in October working on event at Timbuk Toys in Highlands Ranch. From 13<sup>th</sup> October to 26<sup>th</sup> October mention Timber Trail and they will give 20% of all purchases back to TTEA. Start holiday shopping early OR buy gift card to use throughout the year for all those birthday presents!

November may be Chick Fil A (Highlands Ranch location) Still need something for December, various other events planned for next year. Smart Cow raised \$167.

### **Spirit Wear – Kelly Ann Foe**

Huge success – lots of kids wearing with pride. Doing a last run of items THIS WEEK! Forms going home today, due Thursday. Also planning a limited edition shirt.

### **Box Tops/Milk for Moola – Anna Mallinson**

Box Tops due day after Fall Break – 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – potential new app in the works – get 10c per box top but also if you purchase an item with a box top and scan receipt. More information to come.

Waiting on milk top collection – any day.

### **Literacy – Chelsea Nielson**

September logs due back. October logs were sent out last week – prize is hat day.

### **Enrichment – Patrick Dunn**

All programs have started – Spanish, Chess, Kidstage, Girls on the Run – boys version Land Sharks is coming soon.

**Open Committees for 2016-2017** – Need Daddy Daughter Dance Chair and Move a Thon chairs for next year.

Meeting adjourned 10.03am.

Attendance

Anna Mallinson

Kimberly McCarthy

Page Warnke

Whitney Shank

Lisa Linn

Maria Hubring

Melanie Christiansen

Alicia Carpenter

Stacey Kimberly

Erika Greene

Laura Gooding

Marnie Blanco

Jolene Richardson

Jennifer Cox

Anna Miner

Kim Kreuger

Jill Alexander

Angela Jones

Stacie Stall

Chad Perry

Sarah Boeke

Amanda Quam

Nicole Koenig

Lesley Pardew

Amy Benson

Jaime Edwards

Valerie Sutherland

Amy Ball

Chelsea Nielson